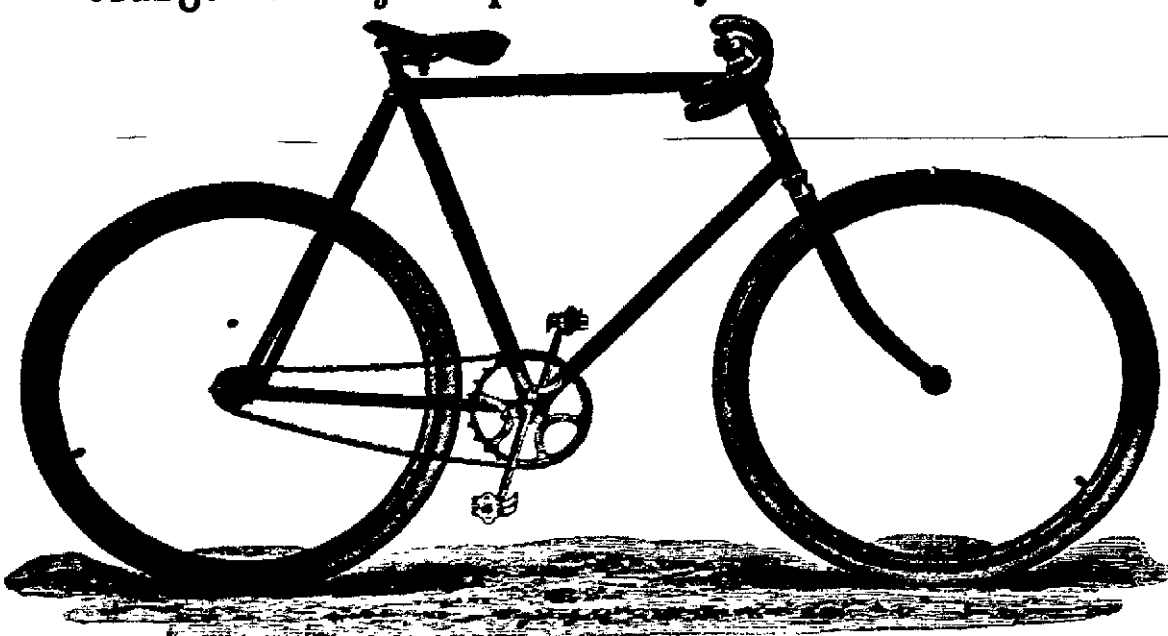


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bring say 4 per cent. I give you as good ones at 5 per cent.—an increase of 25 per cent. in this much of your income. Your best home mortgages bring 5 per cent, mine are as good and bring 6 per cent—an increase of 20 per cent. If you put your 4 per cent money in my 6 per cent loans which have stood up better than your home loans for seventeen years, we add 50 per cent. to this much of your income; that is, \$1,000 becomes worth \$1,500. Are you neglecting a duty to those dependent upon you?

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GREENING'S.

PLAYING FOR TIME

Sagasta's Answer to McKinley Gives Evidence of Spanish Diplomacy.

GERMANY AFTER SPAIN.

Reported That the Emperor Has Preferred an Old Claim.

CONGRESS WILL WAIT TILL MONDAY

President Answers Republican Aggressive Committee—Intimated He Thinks War Will Come—Stirring Speeches in the House—Johnson For Peace.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—After waiting many hours for word from Madrid in reply to our representations President McKinley last night received through the state department a long cable message from General Woodford, minister to Spain. This message is not the final answer of Spain to our proposition, but its character is such that war is still regarded to be inevitable.

President McKinley was waiting for this message and invited a large number of friends to remain and learn any important news that might arrive. Assistant Secretaries of State Day and Adee of the state department were on hand to translate the cipher code. Among the president's callers were Mr. McArthur, the second secretary of the American legation at Madrid; Vice President Hobart and Senators Aldrich, Spooner, Allison and Hanna.

The party broke up at midnight, and all were reticent. Three or four senators, however, admitted that the situation was extremely serious and that the question now was whether the senate could be restrained from action in the Cuban matter if there was a prolonged delay in negotiating terms with Spain. Senator Hanna, when asked if it was peace or war, replied that he didn't know.

Spain has not made a formal request for more time, but she is going to. General Woodford's dispatch refers to the Spanish contention that there can be no cession of territory by the Spanish government until the cortes meets. The question as to the ability of the Spanish government to act goes further than this, the point having been raised that the Spanish ministry could not grant independence to Cuba, as demanded by President McKinley, without the action of the cortes.

The attitude of European powers continued to be seriously discussed in official quarters, as it was felt an offer of European mediation was almost certain to follow a war crisis. No distinct offer has been submitted up to the present moment. In this connection a cable report from Berlin that Germany was menacing Spain on an old claim and was about to make a naval demonstration in Cuba attracted much attention. The German ambassador, Dr. von Holleben, said that he had received no information as to this reported move nor was he acquainted with the Cannambara case referred to in the dispatch. The Spanish minister is also unacquainted with the Cannambara case and does not credit the report that Germany has taken steps of a decisive character. Congress will wait until Monday before any action is taken. The president has asked delay until that time, and assurances have been given by those in charge of affairs that there will be nothing done until Monday. Both committees of congress dealing with foreign affairs were in session. The senate committee continued its examination of the report on the Maine, and the house committee by a party vote refused to take any action on Cuba until Monday. The senate committee agreed to and Senator Lodge reported a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 to purchase one or more of the Danish West India islands, to be used for naval purposes. The senate committee had before it Captain Sigsbee of the ill fated Maine and Captain Barker, Secretary Long's naval aid. What these officers told the committee is treated confidentially.

Measures have been inaugurated by the navy department to place the naval militia of the country on a war footing. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt sent letters yesterday to the governors of the various states having naval organizations, urging that they recruit them up to their greatest possible strength. In addition they were requested to inform the department, at the earliest possible moment, of the number of yachts and tugs available for use as scouts to be manned by the naval militia organizations.

SPANIARDS DEFIANT.

Spain Said to Have Indignantly Rejected American Propositions.

LONDON, April 1.—The Daily Mail has issued a special edition containing the following dispatch from its Madrid correspondent under date of yesterday:

"At today's conference Prime Minister Sagasta read to United States Minister Woodford a written note of the resolutions adopted by the government in reply to President McKinley's demands. The chief demands are rejected, the feeling being, as I learn, that they are inconsistent with the dignity and honor of any nation.

"Minister Woodford declared that he could not make an immediate answer, as he must consult his government. He asked permission to translate the note

into English there and then, so that Senator Moret, minister of the colonies, who knows English, could revise and approve the translation. This was done. The only thing General Woodford said was to express his personal wishes for conciliation and peace.

"Immediately after the conference Senator Gullon, minister of foreign affairs, visited the queen regent and reported to her the result of the meeting. Referring to the conference, Senator Moret said, 'We are still Spaniards.' The Spanish note answering the demands was telegraphed to the powers, together with a copy of the American demands.

"General Woodford expects an answer from Washington early in the morning. I am assured that France and Russia have asked Spain to formulate the utmost limits of the concessions that she could make, the intention now of the powers being evidently to mediate the dispute.

"Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, has received hundreds of petitions from Spanish and foreign shipowners asking for letters patent to fit out privateers to act against the Americans.

"There is intense popular excitement. The Correspondencia de Espana says that peace or war is hanging on a thread. The utterances of American opinion leave little room for hopes of peace, but the problem will have an immediate solution. All the papers tonight express similar opinions. The situation generally is considered most grave."

The Madrid correspondent of the Central News sends a brief dispatch confirming the statement published in The Daily Mail. He says that Senator Sagasta communicated to Minister Woodford at the conference held last evening the resolutions of the government regarding the American propositions. Some of these were declared to be inadmissible, and General Woodford must consult the Washington government before taking further steps.

ANOTHER VERSION.

Report That Sagasta Has Replied in Conciliatory Spirit.

MADRID, April 1.—At the cabinet council Senator Sagasta, the premier, explained with extreme precision all the details of the conference and negotiations, together with the state of the country and existing conditions, which he regarded as necessary to the formation of a proper judgment. Another minister then spoke, Senator Sagasta listening attentively. It is needless to say, after the emotions of recent days and in view of the serious issues depending, every minister poured out all he had in his heart.

Prior to the council a note briefly relating the queen regent's ideas on the subject of the reply to be given the United States was written. On this being read at the council, Senator Sagasta, taking a paper from his pocket, announced that he also had condensed his opinion into a few lines, which he proceeded to read. It is understood that he touched, one by one, upon all the questions raised by the United States.

Later Minister Woodford conferred with Senores Sagasta, Gullon and Moret and Senator Sagasta's note, translated into English, was submitted to General Woodford, who, after reading it, said, "I am solely authorized to negotiate ad referendum, and therefore I will transmit the cabinet's reply to Washington." The text of the Sagasta note has not been made known, the ministers maintaining absolute reserve, but the cabinet is said to have given "proof of sentiments of the greatest conciliation."

El Correo says that pessimistic impressions of the conference are totally uncalculated for and that the sentiment of the government is sufficiently indicated by its voting 3,000,000 pesetas for the reconcentrados.

The patriotic performance of the opera took place last night. All season ticket holders had given up their seats, which were put up for sale. The queen paid 50,000 pesetas for a box. The staff of the army and navy paid 5,000 pesetas for one stall. The Veloz club gave the same. The Stock Exchange bought one stall for 5,000 pesetas. The Madrid municipality took two stalls at 10,000 pesetas, and to cap all the Marquis Villamejor and Don Esteban gave 25,000 pesetas each for stalls.

JOHNSON FOR PEACE.

Representative From Indiana Makes a Speech Amid a Storm of Hisses.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—For three hours the packed galleries and excited members of the house listened to a passionate outburst of oratory on the Cuban question, during which the intensity of feeling was alternately manifested by cheers, jeers and hisses. Time and again the excited throngs in the galleries were admonished to be silent and once at least it seemed as if a motion would be made to clear them. The three speeches which stirred the assemblage to its depths were made by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, who, it was assumed, spoke for the administration and who practically pledged it to the cause of free Cuba; Mr. Bailey of Texas, the Democratic leader, who announced the Democratic position as for free Cuba, without war if it could be avoided, but with war if necessary; and Mr. Johnson of Indiana, who spoke for peace, declaring that it was our duty to go to the horrors of war.

Mr. Lewis, a Democrat from Washington, provoked the speech of Mr. Johnson, which aroused the members and the galleries to the fever pitch of excitement. Mr. Lewis had denounced the proposition that Cuba purchase her freedom from Spain, which, it was alleged, the administration was fostering. Then it was that Mr. Johnson, in a brilliant speech, pleaded for peace. He faced the storm of hisses which swept down upon him from the galleries like a Spartan and with passionate utterance adjured members to pause before they plunged the country into war, the evils of which would follow after in endless train.

The house had before had illustrations of Mr. Johnson's fearlessness, but none so striking as yesterday, when he espoused the unpopular cause and pleaded to let diplomacy have its way

At the same time he gave it as his opinion that if an ultimatum had been sent to Spain it meant war, as Spain's pride would not permit her to humiliate herself before the world. He eulogized every influence that made for peace and declared his belief that the Cuban junta would agree to pay \$100,000,000 for the independence of the island.

Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, was quick to seize the advantage which Mr. Johnson's position had afforded, and in a ringing speech, which set his followers and the galleries wild, he announced his belief from what Mr. Johnson had said that the purpose of the Republicans in refusing to join with the Democrats Wednesday was to give the administration an opportunity to compel the Cuban patriots to buy the independence they had won from the butchers of Spain. He said he, too, deplored war and in describing its awful horrors as the southern people had known them drew tears from the eyes of some of his colleagues. He declared there was yet a chance to avert war.

He had been told within 24 hours by a representative of the Cuban junta that they did not want to involve the United States in war. All they wanted was to have their independence recognized. With the munitions of war and the recruits they could then obtain their independence could be achieved.

In conclusion he said the Democrats were for free Cuba, without war if possible, with war if necessary. This speech of Mr. Bailey's drew the fire of the administration spokesman on the floor, General Grosvenor of Ohio. With his reply the climax of the day was reached. He charged Mr. Bailey with attempting to make political capital. He denounced the statements that the administration intended to force Cuba to buy her freedom as the silly invention of an idiot and declared that from the president down the administration was for free Cuba.

He thrilled his auditors when he asked what meant the war preparations that were going on night and day if not that when action was taken looking to the independence of Cuba it would be backed up if necessary by the army and navy of the United States. After Mr. Grosvenor concluded the debate went on, the most significant utterance being made by Mr. Cummings, a New York Democrat, who denounced the political character which the question was assuming as unpatriotic and unwise. Messrs. Grow (Rep., Pa.), Griggs (Dem., N. Y.), Norton (Dem., O.) and Skinner (Pop., N. C.) also spoke. Little progress was made with the naval bill. The only important amendment adopted was one appropriating \$500,000 for the erection of the new buildings at the Naval academy.

Representative Wheeler of Alabama introduced a bill appropriating \$500,000 to purchase provisions for the use of the Cuban noncombatants and directing the president to cause them to be conveyed at once to the starving people and to use as much of the military and naval forces as necessary to attain this purpose. It also directs the president to notify the Spanish government that this proceeding is an act of humanity and not intended as an act of war.

An apparently simple request made of the senate by Mr. Frye of Maine on behalf of the foreign relations committee unexpectedly precipitated discussion on the Cuban question. It finally led to a passage at arms between Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire and Mr. Frye, in which the former made some sarcastic reference to the conduct of the foreign relations committee and to the attitude of the president. Concerning the latter Mr. Chandler said: "I have confidence that the president intends to pursue a patriotic and righteous course in the present emergency, and I shall thank God when he reaches a conclusion of some sort or another. Therefore I am not in rebellion as yet against the powers that be."

Mr. Allen of Nebraska made the request of Mr. Frye the occasion of a speech upon the general Cuban question, in the course of which he reviewed his own record on the subject and declared that he stood now just where he had always stood—in favor of the absolute independence of the Cuban people from that "hideous monster among nations," Spain. Upon the conclusion of the Cuban discussion the sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up, and 35 pages of it were disposed of before adjournment.

PRESIDENT EXPECTS WAR.

Answers the Republican Aggressionists Who Wait Upon Him.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Republican committee which waited on the president reported to the conference at a meeting held after the adjournment. They stated that the president made a frank declaration as to what was taking place between the two governments and concluded with these words: "I pray God that we may be able to keep peace." The impression left with the delegation, however, was that he did not expect a peaceful adjustment.

In strictest confidence Mr. McKinley outlined the course of communications between Washington and Madrid. He stated that all now depended on dispatches to be communicated and received probably within 48 hours. The response of Spain to a message cabled by this government was expected hourly and surely would be received within 24 hours. After it arrived, it would be necessary for this country to send another cable note as a reply to Madrid. All this might be accomplished in less than 48 hours.

He therefore intimated that it would be gratifying if congress deferred taking action until next week. Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, who made the report for the committee, said he felt it would be best to abide by the president's wishes.

Representative Hicks of Pennsylvania thought that in view of the Dupuy de Lome letter no further parley should be allowed and that Premier Sagasta was acting in accordance with the policy that the letter had revealed. Others followed in the same line, but it was finally concluded to defer action until after the adjournment of the house Monday.

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Friday Evening, April 1st

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Introducing the inimitable
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Walter E. Perkins,

The Original Barber, as played
by him 250 nights in New York
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members of the original company,
together with all the details
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Cottage Hotel Entertainments.
WEEK OF MARCH 21.

Don C. Manning, character and eccentric com-
edian, assisted by the dancing comedienne, Miss
Ida Manning, in their original creation, "DIA
TERRANCE," Miss Edna May, comic; Miss
Anna Worth, song and dance, character comedy
artist.
P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday
night in connection with the above show. Open
ticket for Middletown at 10c, and Golden at
15c.

HYMENEAL.

Mapes-Warring.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

Whether the bridegroom had bribed
the clerk of the weather will probably
never be known outside his own family
circle, but an exceptionally quiet and
bright sunny day for boisterous March
fell to the lot of Albert Bernard Mapes,
of Howells, on Wednesday, the 30th
inst., when he was united in marriage to
Miss Edna Louise Warring, of Mount
Hope.

If there be any truth in the saying,
"Happy is the bride whom the sun shines
on," there ought to be an exceptionally
large share of joy in the future for the
highly favored couple who were greeted
with so much brightness on their wed-
ding day.

The marriage ceremony was performed
at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Stephen S. Mapes, of Mount Hope, by
Rev. Geo. S. Hall, pastor of the Howells
Congregational Church, in the presence
of a large number of friends and rela-
tives. All the brothers and sisters of the
bridegroom were present, and as the
bride party entered the parlor, preceded
by Gilbert E. Mapes and James N.
Mapes, who acted as ushers, the wedding
march was rendered with her accustomed
taste by Mrs. Jennie H. Mapes.

Miss Estelle Mapes, appropriately ar-
ranged in white and carrying a bouquet
of white carnations, made a charming
maid of honor. A corner of the parlor,
which had been set apart for the cere-
mony, was tastefully decorated with
evergreens and ferns, and here the happy
couple received the congratulations of
their friends.

The bride wore a suitable brown trav-
eling dress and carried a beautiful bou-
quet of bridal roses.

A sumptuous repast, to which the
guests did ample justice, was spread in
the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis
H. Mapes.

In the afternoon the happy couple,
whose conveyance had been appropri-
ately decorated for the occasion, drove to
Middletown amidst the hearty congratu-
lations of their friends and a storm of rice
and rye sufficient to furnish a wedding
feast for all the chickens on the farm.

A number of beautiful and useful pre-
sents bore testimony to the esteem in
which the bride and groom are held.

Among others present on the occasion
we noticed Benjamin Mapes, Isaac Theo-
dore Mapes, Miss Sarah L. Mapes and
Mr. and Mrs. Holbert, the parents of
Mrs. Lewis H. Mapes.

Upon returning from their wedding
trip, Mr. and Mrs. Mapes will take up
their abode at Mrs. Bevan's, in Howells.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a
clear head, an active brain, a strong
vigorous body—makes him fit for the
battle of life.

MOUNT HOPE.

Grand Concert by the Singing Class—
Spring Removal—Communion Service—
Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

The Mount Hope singing class, under
the direction of H. D. McMonagle, will give
a grand concert in the Mount Hope
Presbyterian Church, Wednesday even-
ing, April 6, at 8 o'clock. The concert
will consist of choruses, quartette, trios,
duets and solos, humorous and senti-
mental. The class will be assisted by
friends of Mr. McMonagle from Mount-
gomery and other points. Don't fail to
hear the quintette, "Old Folks at Home,"
by male voices. General admission,
twenty-five cents; children, 15 cents.
Doors open at 7:30 p. m.

—Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald preached in
the Baptist Church at Port Jervis, Sun-
day.

—Martin Dureya is moving from Mr.
Carpenter's house to the farm of Mr.
Knight. Moses Rhinbart will move
from Darwin Lamson's house to that of
Mr. Carpenter and Fred Kiesel will occupy
the Lamson house. Terry Ketcham is
moving from the McKinley house to that
of the late Julia Halstead and Mrs.
Naomi Jeffers, who has been house-
keeper for Mrs. Thomas Rodman for
nearly two years at New Hampton, will
take rooms in the house owned by Mrs.
McKinley.

—Chauncey Mulock spent a few days
in New York city, last week.

—The sacrament of the Lord's supper
will be administered in the church on
Sunday evening, April 10th, at 7:30.
Rev. R. J. Diven has kindly consented
to conduct the service as Rev. Luther
Littell is still unable to preach.

—The C. E. prayer meeting will be held
on Thursday evening next week.

—Mrs. Ada Johnson is spending a few
days with her brother, Chauncey Mulock.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Missionary Society Meeting—Measles—
Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

The Missionary Society will meet at
Mrs. W. H. Mills's, Saturday afternoon,
instead of Mrs. Stillwell's, as was an-
nounced.

—A number of cases of measles are re-
ported around town.

—Chas. W. Cox has moved into Mrs.
Waters' house on South street.

—Rev. S. T. Clifton, of Wurtsboro, will
preach in the Reformed Church, Sunday.

—A. M. Noxon and two sons have
been to Delaware county where Mr.
Noxon has a farm.

—Fred Shorter has purchased a very
fine iron grey horse, which he drives on
his delivery wagon.

—D. A. Van Inwegen and son spent
two days in Monticello this week.

BRADNACK'S MUSIC HOUSE.

To Be Opened, Saturday Evening, With
an Invitation Concert.

To-morrow evening, at 65 North street,
will be heard in concert the eminent
pianist, Francis Gilder, of New York,
assisted by Monte Pickens, violinist, also
of New York. These artists have been
secured by Geo. Bradnack to celebrate in
fitting manner the opening of his new
music house. Cards are out for the oc-
casion and a very large attendance is ex-
pected for the rare treat in store. The
attendance is by invitation only. The
music house is to be open to visitors
Saturday during the day. The sewing
machine department is to be specially in
charge of a lady representative of the
White Sewing Machine Company, who is
to give free instruction in fancy work
throughout the day to the lady visitors.

NO GUESS WORK HERE.

All Middletown People Have to Do Is
to Follow the Example of Fellow
Citizens.

Facts are stubborn;
Some may be disputed,
None can be disproved.
A fact is the opposite of fiction;
Is always hedged about with proof;
Has to stand the test of investigation,
Or it drifts to the realm of doubt.
Investigate the following:

The closer the scrutiny the more con-
vincing the result.

A Middletown citizen speaks here;
Speaks from experience and conviction;
Relates facts—stubborn facts,
That may be disputed, but cannot be
disproved.

Cyrus Coddington, of No. 150 Wick-
ham avenue, says:

"Seven years ago I had an attack of
kidney complaint, a very severe attack.
It left me and I was not again bothered
until a very short time ago." This was
his first introduction to the repair shop.
Seven years after he was on the trestles
again. Continuing he says: "The last
time it did not take so long to straight-
en me out and I give Doan's Kidney
Pills credit for it. I got a box at J. E.
Mills' drug store. I couldn't stoop or
lift and the urine went wrong. After
using Doan's Kidney Pills the pain left
me and the urine righted itself. They
did all that could be expected of them."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50
cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50.
Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole
agents for the United States. Sent by
mail on receipt of price. For sale by all
dealers.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take
no substitute.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cassell's Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c
if C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills cure Neuralgia.

Great Special Sale of Dry Goods for the Month Of April!

With the lowest prices ever given in Middletown at HART DAVIS'S, 45 North street. It presents an opportunity for
economical buying that nobody can afford to miss. Our store is crowded with the newest of new styles selected with expe-
rienced care as to quality, style and variety. It is the place to get the right goods at the right prices.

Ladies' Wrappers

672 Wrappers for this great sale. Lot No. 1—Ladies'
dressmaker made Wrappers, made from the very best per-
cale, all dark styles, handsomely trimmed and perfect fit-
ting, \$1.48. Lot No. 2—Ladies' Light Percale Wrappers,
all dainty patterns, handsomely trimmed with Hamburg
and double ruffle of the goods. A dainty house dress at
\$1.29. Lot No. 3 is our great leader. Eight different styles
in about twenty-five different colorings. Couldn't be better
made by yourself for the money. All have extra vests of the
same material, have bound seams, perfect fitting, come in
both light and dark styles, 98c. Many stores would charge
you \$1.50 for no better. Lot No. 4—Mostly all dark styles,
made from percale and indigo blue prints and foulard cloth.
Not one worth less than \$1. For this great sale 79c.

Separate Skirts.

48 Black Figured Skirts, cut 3 1/2 yards wide, cambric
lined, bound with velvet. As long as they last 98c. 72
Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, cambric lined, velvet
bound, all handsome patterns. As long as they last \$1.48.
24 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, rustle lined velvet faced,
bound seams, \$1.98. 24 black silk finished plain Brilliantine
Skirts, navy black lining, satin waist band, couldn't be
better made, \$3.68. Our tailor made Skirts, in all wool
Serge, trimmed with three and five rows of Hercules braid.
Our silk finished figured Brilliantine Skirts are worth \$5 in
any store. For this sale \$3.98.

An Umbrella Bargain.

125 twilled aralia silk umbrellas made with steel rods,
Congo handles, Sterling silver trimmed, worth \$1.50; for this
sale 98c. 75 pure silk Taffeta Umbrellas, steel rods, with silk
case and tassels, Congo handles, worth \$2, for this sale
\$1.48. The above are all black, 26 inches, good for rain or
sun. Any lady who needs a fine umbrella can save just 50c
by buying it at this sale.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests.

1,540 Ladies' Summer Ribbed Vests in this lot. 60 doz.
ladies' white 1 1/2 ribbed vests, short sleeves, full sizes; as
long as they last 10c. 60 doz. ladies' white 10c sleeveless
vests, good sizes; as long as they last 5c. 25 doz. ladies'
ribbed, extra size vest, sizes 7, 8, 9, sleeveless; as long as
they last 15c, two for 25c.

Black and Faucy Underskirts.

Our underskirts are all made by a corset factory, corded
with the corset bone, guaranteed to last as long as the
skirt does or we refund the money. Black sateen skirts cut
extra full, trimmed with fine ruffles, guaranteed fast black
98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.79. Faucy Perca Silk skirts, looks like
silk and wears much better, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.68. Black
Moreen Skirts \$1.98, \$2.98. Crash Underskirts for summer
98c, \$1.25, \$1.48.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c. a yard; 8c all linen brown
crash 6c yard; cotton crash 3 1/2 and 4c yard; 5-4 bleached
pillow cases 7 1/2c; 5-4 best pillow cases 12c; 6-4 best bleached
pillow cases 14c; best bleached sheets made, 40, 44, 48c;
6-4 bleached muslin 4 1/2c yard; best bleached muslin made
6 1/2c yard.

Dotted Swiss.

10 pieces fine dotted stripe and figured curtain Swiss,
36 inches wide, as long as it lasts, 12 1/2c yard. An odd lot
of dotted swiss, slightly soiled, sold from 25 to 40c yard, to
close out quick 15c yard.

A Handkerchief Bargain.

1,200 white, real hem-stitched handkerchiefs, every lady
ought to buy a dozen at the price as long as they last 3c
each.

Black Dress Goods.

40 inch all wool black Serge, sold by all for 39c, for this
sale 29c; 38 inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c,
for this sale 33c; 38 inch all wool, figured, black goods,
regular price 50c, for this sale 40c; 43 inch Black Brilliant-
ine, sold everywhere for 75c, for this sale 50c; 46 inch all
wool Cravenette Black Serge, sold by all for 69c, for this
sale 59c; 46 inch silk finish black Brilliantine, sold all over
the world for \$1, for this sale 75c; 50 inch all wool silk
finish black Serge, real value \$1.25, for this sale 89c.

Colored Dress Goods.

700 yards all wool fancy mixed dress goods manufac-
tured to sell at 50c. We have just closed out the lot from
the mill agents for spot cash so we can sell them for just
half, 25c yard. The best bargains ever offered by any store.
12 pieces Covert Cloth in all the latest colorings, tans, light
greys, apple, greens, new blues, 38, 40 and 46 inches wide, 50
and 75c yard.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards black figured silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, all
new goods, comes in small and large figures, made to sell
for \$1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. Just the
thing for skirts or skirt waists as long as it lasts 69c.

Bicycle Dress Goods.

250 yards cotton covert, extra fine and heavy, sold in
every store for 15c; comes in tans, greys and light olives, as
long as this lot lasts 10c yard. All linen, crash and linen
suiting purchased by us in December at one-third less than
we can buy the same goods to-day. Fine for crash skirts
as long as it lasts 10, 12 1/2, 19c yard.

Dress Linings.

Best Kid Cambric 3c yard; 15c fast black and all colors in
Perkline 10c yard; best French real hair cloth all colors 25c
yard; Silena all shades and fast black 10c yard.

Lace Curtains.

Lot No. 1, Nottingham curtains, 3 yards long, 49c a
pair; lot No. 2 Nottingham curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 98c,
\$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.68; lot No. 3 Brussels net curtains, 3 1/2
yards long, extra wide, all dainty new patterns, at \$1.98,
\$2.48, \$2.98. Match them for double the price if you can.

Curtain Poles.

Ash, Cherry and Walnut Curtain Poles with brass trim-
mings complete, five feet long, 19c; white-enamel poles with
white and brass trimmings to match for this sale only 25c;
best white enamel, five foot poles, with fixtures complete,
40c; 1 gross brass curtain rods, extend from 24 to 44
inches, for this sale 10c.

Corsets.

We keep all the standard makes of corsets at the right
prices. Just now we mention four specials. 300 summer
corsets made from fine strong netting, double tapes, making
them extra strong; never been sold for less than 39c, as long
as they last 29c. An extra long waisted summer corset made
extra strong, perfect fitting, front steel have cloth protector
to keep hooks from rubbing the waist; for this lot 49c.
Davis's special corset made from extra quality, cotton high
bust, perfect fitting, worth 75c, our price 59c. P. U. Corset
—This is our regular six hook corset, made from the very
best stock, warranted perfect fitting, come in white, drab
and black, 75c.

White Bed Spreads.

200 White Bed Spreads bought from the manufacturer
at spot cash prices. If you need any this season buy now.
1-4 extra heavy 69c spread, all hemmed, ready for use, 49c;
1-4 and 1-2 extra heavy, all hemmed, ready for use,
best value ever shown at 69, 98c; 1-2-4 real Marselles
spread, sold all over the world for \$1.75, for this sale only
\$1.29.

Cottolene

has every virtue that
lard lacks. Lard has many faults that
Cottolene is without. Cottolene is composed
of refined cottonseed oil and carefully prepared
beefsuet and is as pure, healthful, and nutritious as
the highest grade salad oil. As good as the best
olive oil for frying and better than any other ma-
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more economical to use than lard.

The genuine Cottolene is sold everywhere in
one to ten pound tins, with our trade
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Spring

The Season's Greeting:

It is with a feeling of satisfaction and confidence
that we issue this, our first spring message, because after
months of labor in buying, we have secured the choicest
stock of Clothing and Furnishings we have ever been
able to show our patrons. The styles were never more
attractive, and the workmanship was never better. That
we have been successful in our efforts to please, we be-
lieve will be your verdict when you see our New Spring
Goods and learn our prices.

Our clothing is such clothing as you would take
pleasure in wearing. It is satisfactory clothing in every
respect. We have no desire to exchange our clothing
for your money until you are satisfied, for until you are
we are not. We know how to hold old customers and win
new ones—right goods, right prices and right treatment
does the work. Our New Spring Goods are arranged
for your inspection, and we will be pleased to receive a
call from you, whether you wish to buy or not. We want
you to feel at home in our store. Whatever you may
need, that we as men's outfitters may furnish you, shall
and must be right in every particular.

Trusting that this early spring announcement may
receive your consideration, and that when thinking of
spring clothing we may be first and foremost in your
mind. Custom Made Clothing at

CHAS. WOLFF'S SON,

The Oldest Established and Most Reliable Clothier
in the City,

No. 43 James Street, Near Erie Depot, Middletown, N. Y.

Don't Forget My GRAND SPRING OPENING!

Wednesday, April 6, at 9 a. m.

A brand new store, a brand new stock, up-to-date goods at popular
prices. Without a doubt the largest and most choice as-
sortment of stylish and well made

CLOTHING, CLOTHING!

Ever shown in this city. It will pay you to wait and see my line. I will
save you money. Men's and Boys' Dress Suits, Business Suits, Golf
and Bike Suits, Spring Overcoats, Trousers, etc. A full and com-
plete stock of Gents' Furnishings, Hats, Caps, etc. All the newest
and latest fads. Low prices the prevailing feature at my store.
"Souvenirs" Opening Day. A cordial invitation extended to all. I
shall receive you kindly and welcome you gladly.

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W. F. HALL, Business Manager.
A. E. NICKINSON, City Editor.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 1.—Fair to-
night and Saturday; northwesterly
winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermom-
eter at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 32°; 12 m., 40°; 3 p. m., 51°.

The bill making an appropriation for the Napuech reformatory was held up in the Assembly after it had passed the Senate. No work can therefore be done, nor can anything be paid the contractors on account of the obligations already incurred,—about \$175,000. In this matter, the interests of the State and its honor as well have been sacrificed that a pre-emptive might be made of keeping down the tax rate for Republican campaign purposes.

The possibility of war has broken down all old time ideas of economy and millions are voted with scarcely a thought of the magnitude of the sums involved. Senator Lodge's bill for the purchase of the island of St. Thomas appropriates \$5,000,000. The \$50,000,000 appropriated for national defense is being spent, wisely no doubt, but none the less lavishly. A proposition to appropriate \$7,500,000 for new war vessels impresses no one as extravagant. This State votes \$1,000,000 and cannot rush the measure through too quickly. And so it goes; the cost is not counted when the national honor is in question.

There is a good deal of buncombe in the \$1,000,000 appropriation recommended by G. V. Black and made by the Legislature, yesterday, for defraying the expenses of the National Guard, Naval Reserve and New York volunteers in the event of war. If the State troops are called into the service of the Federal Government they will, of course, be maintained at its expense, and any additional equipments that may be needed will, of course, be furnished by the general government, so it is not easy to see how any considerable portion of the big appropriation can be used for legitimate and necessary purposes. And if any of it is used, as soon as peace is restored the State will ask the Federal Government to reimburse it for its expenditure. Calmly and dispassionately viewed that million dollar appropriation looks like a play to the galleries.

The Spanish policy seems to be to temporize with the demands of this government and while securing every possible delay in the diplomatic negotiations it is making good use of the time in preparing for war. Every day's delay brings its torpedo flotilla nearer our shores and lessens the possibility of our squadron preventing its union with the Spanish fleet at Havana. Two additional cruisers were dispatched, yesterday, making with the three sent, Wednesday, five formidable vessels to be added to the fleet in Cuban waters. These vessels are expected to rendezvous with the torpedo flotilla at San Juan de Puerto Rico and convey the smaller vessels to Havana. One does not need to be a naval expert to see that it would be a grave mistake to allow such a union to take place. If we are in for a fight, let us by all means show that we have faith in the justice of our cause and accept the responsibility for declaring war and gain the tremendous advantage that will be ours if we strike the first blow before Spain can concentrate her fleet.

SPAIN'S REPLY.

Makes No Proposition Looking to Cuban Independence.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—It is stated on high authority that the reply of Spain does not contain any proposition which contemplates the independence of Cuba. The President, it is also announced, will make a public statement immediately at the close of the Cabinet session.

MINNEAPOLIS GOES TO HAMPTON ROADS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—The U. S. cruiser Minneapolis sailed from League Island navy yard for Hampton Roads, this morning.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

OSTEND, April 1.—A Belgian pilot cutter with fourteen men on board have been missing since the recent storm. All hope of their safety has been abandoned.

WILL MAKE NO MORE CONCESSIONS

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, April 1.—According to the best information Spain has definitely resolved not to make any further concessions.

STEVE BRODIE NOT DEAD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Steve Brodie is in this city alive and well to hear the story of his death hoax.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

GRAVE AND MOST CRITICAL.

Members of the Cabinet So Regard the Situation.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Cabinet adjourned at 1:45 to meet again at 5 o'clock.

Members of the Cabinet regard the situation as of the very gravest and most critical character possible.

SHREWD PIECE OF DIPLOMACY.

Spain's Reply a Pica for Time and Wager for Effect on the World at Large.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The reply of Spain is said in effect to be that the independence of Cuba means the parting with or cession of Spanish territory, which cannot be done without the consent of the Spanish Cortes, which is not in session and will not be in session until April 24, and consequently no definite answer can be returned to the demand of the United States until the Cortes assemble.

Then a counter proposition is submitted that the Cuban matter shall be settled upon a basis equitable among nations. The United States is asked to give Spain time to treat with the insurgents and ascertain what can be done in the nature of a peaceable settlement.

Senators who know the nature of the reply say it is a very shrewd piece of diplomacy and made for its effect upon the world at large.

It is said the reply is unsatisfactory to the President and that he does not believe it will be satisfactory to Congress.

Administration circles feel that after Monday Congress is likely to take matters into its own hands, and fear is expressed that there may be a disagreement between the branches of government, which would be unfortunate at this critical period.

No one about the Capitol has undertaken to speak for the President, although some who have seen him say that his hopes of peaceful solution of the difficulty have been disappointed by the reply of Spain.

SPAIN'S POSITION DEFINED.

Significant Utterance of a *El Liberal*—A Rupture Preferable to a Continued Menace.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, April 1.—The most important comment on the situation, this afternoon, is that of *El Liberal*, which may be looked upon as undoubtedly reflecting the position of Spain. The paper says:

"We have done all we can to remove pretexts for a rupture. If President McKinley refuses our concessions we, with a quiet conscience, will await any trial which may come and defend our honor and our rights."

"The entire nation supports the government, and this was the meaning of last evening's enthusiasm. Rich and poor are working together. No one asks whether the sum collected goes for war ships. It suffices to know that it will be employed to rebut any foreign pressure. Spain must no longer live under the continual menace and unrest of the past three years. There must be no more debating or haggling. Even a rupture is preferable. Intervention is de facto even now."

"We desire and appeal for peace. But the limit of our long suffering is at an end. We will not be the aggressors, but we will defend our rights with our traditional tenacity and bravery."

CALLED FOR CONSULTATION.

Heads of Naval Bureaus and Other Officials at the Cabinet Meeting.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Capt. Crowninshield, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, whose duty it is to order the movements of all naval vessels was summoned to Cabinet meeting, to-day.

Assistant Secretary of State, Day, Capt. Clevor, Chief of the Naval Intelligence Bureau and Capt. Barker, naval aid and a member of the Strategy Board were called into consultation.

Senator Davis, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee called and was shown into the library adjoining the Cabinet room.

MONDAY THE LIMIT.

Congress Will Not Delay Action After That Time.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Senators and Congressmen who saw the President, to-day, told him it was not possible for Congress to delay the Cuban question beyond Monday and that if Spain had asked further time it would only increase the uneasiness. It was their opinion that neither Spain nor the administration would be granted more time.

SPANISH CRUISERS SAIL.

A Dispatch Edited by a Spanish Press Censor.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HANANA, April 1.—The Spanish cruiser Vizcaya and Oquendo sail— (It would seem from the fact that the Associated Press is notified by the Cable Co. that the above dispatch is apparently ended and that the censor has killed the words which followed the word "sail.")

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.
Use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the quickest and most effective remedy for throat and lung troubles, coughs and colds.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine ever contained so great curative power in so small space. They are a whole medicine.

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chest, always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. 25c. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THIS WEEK.

An Extraordinary Display.

Dry Goods of the best standard qualities, lower than ever before.

1 case Jamestown Dress Goods 50 new styles, \$2.89 per dress.

1 bale extra quality Sheetting 4½c per yard.

1 case Curtain Material, Fancy Scrims, Dotted Swiss, Curtain Lace, Silkline, etc., 5, 6, 8, 10, 12½c per yard.

Window Shades, complete, 12, 25c.

1 case Best Prints 3½c.

The Greatest Values Ever Shown

in All Departments.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.

No. 39 North Street.

GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED.

Baled Hay and Straw at Lowest Market Rates.

C. J. EVERSON,

NOB. 4 AND 6 KING STREET.

THE QUO VADIS \$2 HAT IS A LEADER IN SALES.

This is the prettiest hat on the market in BROWN and BLACK. Knox, Dunlap, Young and Retzel styles also.

Easter Neckwear!

But two weeks to Easter. You will need one of those choice Ties that ADORN our window. Sole agents for Knox Hats.

ADAMS & BOYD,

No. 41 North Street, Middletown.

FOR EASTER TRADE

We show a very attractive stock of

Coats, Capes, Suits Separate Skirts, Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs

Coats start at \$5 and advance to \$15. Capes \$2 each to \$15.

Suits from \$4.95 to \$25.00. Skirts from \$2 to \$10.

We recommend the Lorient and Neptune Kid Gloves as the best produced anywhere, which is the reason we sell so many of them. The Lorient at \$1. Neptune at \$1.25.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

Farm Harness, Horse Collars

AND

SWEAT COLLARS.

We carry a large line of the above named goods.

Call and look them over.

JOHN T. OGDEN & SON, 40 W. Main St.

Louisiana Red Cypress

LUMBER!

"When wood first came to be employed in the arts, the durability, fragrance and beauty of Cypress caused it to be selected for costly buildings, such as the palace of David and the temple of Solomon."

History repeats itself, and Cypress is again coming in general use in the best buildings, for the following reasons:
It will take paint better than any other wood.
It partakes of the highest polish.
It is the most durable wood in the world.
It is proof against insects and vermin.
It will not rot and is cheap.

FOR SALE BY

CRANE & SWAYZE,

11-19 Montgomery St., Middletown.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. C. J. WEDD, VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

DENTISTRY.

DR. F. M. BARNES, Formerly Over Savings Bank.

Fine Dentistry in all its branches. PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN THE NATURAL TEETH. Crown and Bridge Work or teeth without plates, a specialty.

OFFICE OVER KERN'S JEWELRY STORE, 17 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN.

FOR RENT—Parish cottages, six rooms, Richmond Heights, Mountain Avenue, also Carter cottage, Gunning street. Rent very low. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 5 and 9 Times Building, King street.

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Easter Clothing, Easter Eggs,

are important factors at Easter time. We can supply you with all the clothing at egg prices, at popular prices, at our prices. Our customers know they get fair treatment when they trade here. So different from other stores, where no two pay the same price, where you are not safe to buy unless you are a sharper person than the dealer who has those wily ways.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

10 NORTH STREET, BLUE FRONT STORE, ONE PRICE ONLY.

Our Easter Millinery Opening

WILL TAKE PLACE

Monday Afternoon and

Continue for Two Days.

ALL ARE RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

FRAMED PICTURES.

Attractive and artistic at 43, 97c, \$1.29, \$1.97, \$2.47 and so on.

—Genuine Water Colors, neatly framed, at 98c and \$1.19.

—Framed Etchings at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.39.

—Do you want a good Fountain Pen? We have them at \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50.

—Easter Cards and Novelties are ready.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

Easter Notes

We have now the most elegant line of Neckwear we have ever shown.—We need to say no more on this subject.

Easter Hats and Gloves.

Easter Extra Trousers

or Suits,

Easter Overcoats.

Remember we are strictly up-to-date in everything usually carried in our line.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

Clothier, Hatter and Merchant Tailor.

16-18 East Main St., Middletown

Thunder and Lightning

Has made its appearance, also our stock of

SPRING CAPES!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF EITHER.

We Know the Prices

on Our Capes

Will Not Hurt You, Even if They

are So Low that They

Scare You.

STOP AND EXAMINE THEM

WHEN OUT SHOPPING.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

These special Blank Books had made at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 10 North Street, Middletown, and are sold at the price of 10¢ each.

SPRING SUITS.

There are Spring Suits and then there are other Spring Suits. We have the others, the latest style, well made, best fitting, prices lower than the lowest.

See Our All Wool Suit, \$3.90

Better ones in proportion. Suits made to order from \$10 up; pants \$4 up.

S. LIPFELD,

Clothier and Furnisher, 25 North St. Custom Work a specialty.

For Friday.

Fancy Strawberries, Asparagus, Cucumbers, Large Boston Head Lettuce, Bermuda Potatoes, Pineapples, Water Cress, Fresh Spinach, Green Beans, Radishes, Elegant Sweet Potatoes, New Beets, White Onions.

Call in and see the new Mechanical Figure, which sings all the latest songs, in conjunction with the demonstration of Cook's Flake Rice at the City Grocers.

Bull & Youngblood,
56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.
TELEPHONE CALL 34.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Easter clothing of all kinds at Morris B. Wolf's.
—Spring suits at S. Lipfeld's.
—Easter perfume at McMonagle & Rogers's.
—Good carpets at Matthews & Co.'s.
—See Geo. W. Young's Easter announcement.
—Easter opening at L. Stern's, Monday afternoon.
—Waist patterns at the Economy Store.
—It will pay you to read Sedgwick & Co.'s spring announcement.
—Lysopain cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Pico's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—“My Friend From India” at the Casino, to-night.
—Father Salley, of Port Jervis, will preach at St. Joseph's, to-night.
—The ball and vase were placed on the pole at the armory, this afternoon by Otis Simpson.
—On account of illness Miss Mosely will not meet her classes in physical culture, to-morrow.

—A special agent of the Pension Bureau has been in Deposit, this week, gathering evidence in pension cases.
—After 137 ballots Oneonta's trustees chose John W. Brewer, President. The board is now wrestling with the choice of a clerk.

—The Veriscope Co. will reproduce the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight taken at the ringside by it at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Those of our theatre-goers who have seen “My Friend From India” will not miss seeing it at the Casino, to-night. Remember Walter E. Perkins is in the cast.

—In addition to the excellent supper at the Universalist parsonage, next Wednesday evening, from 6 to 9 o'clock, there will be music and other features of a social evening.

—There was wintry weather, Thursday, at points up the O. and W. The ground was white with snow and a cold wind was blowing. Up there March went out like a lion.

—Walter E. Perkins is particularly funny in “My Friend From India,” which will be produced at the Casino, to-night. He was the original barber in the play during its run in New York city.

—The paper for the veriscope production of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which took place at Carson City, Nevada, has attracted considerable attention. It is of the best which speaks well for the company.

—Kellar, the magician, will exhibit his wonderful illusions at the Casino, next Tuesday evening. He was considered the equal, if not the superior, of Hermann, the great, and many of his illusions are said to be much superior.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Phoebe Palen went to Elmira, to-day.

—Mrs. J. H. Wallick shows considerable improvement.

—W. H. Hyde rests comfortably but his condition is serious.

—Rev. Father McClancy preached at Port Jervis, Thursday night.

—Mrs. W. H. Higgins went to Florida, to-day, to attend a social event there.

—Rob Shepard is home from Lafayette College for the spring vacation of two weeks.

—Thomas J. Ludlum, Erie auditor, was able to be out, to-day, after several days' illness.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker and baby, of Paterson, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hayes.

—Lauson Stevens has gone to Norwich to accept a position in the O. and W. shops there.

—George Hoyt, of Auburn, is in town. He came here to settle the estate of the late Charles Hoyt, of Otisville.

—Miss Sallie Wells, who has been visiting friends in this city, will return to Pompton Lake, Saturday.

—Robert H. Dolson is confined to his home on Academy avenue, and his physician has recommended at least a fortnight's rest.

—District Attorney and Mrs. A. V. N. Powelson returned from a visit to Mr. Powelson's father at Pluckamin, N. J., Thursday night.

—Mrs. Jacob Space and her niece, Miss Lulu Space, of Paterson, N. J., are in this city on a visit to Mrs. Space's son, Albert E. Space, No. 108 North street.

—The South Fallsburgh correspondent of the Livingston Manor *Ensign* says that Lottie Stratton spent a few days of last week with friends and relatives at Middletown.

—Mrs. Julia McMullen, accompanied by Miss Etta, visited in Middletown, last week, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Samuel McMullen, who is suffering from a severe paralytic stroke. —*Ellenville Journal*.

—Frank Finn, A. Lipfeld and A. B. Macardell came home from Hamilton College, last night, for the spring vacation. Will Decker, who remained at Clinton to finish up some work, will be home the first of the week.

“Life Renewer” For Ladies.

Olivia Peterson, of Coldwater, Mich., writes: “I had not been able to sit up a half a day at a time for thirteen years until I used the *Mythic Life Renewer*. It has cured me of nervous troubles, headache and a very bad stomach. It has helped me in so many ways, and cured me of afflictions that the doctors said could not be cured. The blessed *Life Renewer* has done more for me than all the Patent Medicines, Doctors and Christian Science treatments combined. It is the most wonderful medicine I ever saw.”
Sold by J. K. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Middletown, N. Y.

All paid included by Dr. Spaul's Free Pills

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Endorsed the action of the Common Council in Granting a Franchise and Awarding the Lighting Contract to the Citizens' Company.

The Business Men's Association at its special meeting, held Thursday night, discussed the lighting contract.

With one exception, the merchants who were present stated that since the consolidation of the gas and electric light companies their bills for lighting had been increased, and the sentiment of the meeting was strongly in favor of a new company.

A representative of the Citizens' Electric Light Company who was present stated that his company would agree to furnish ten arc lights free, as the old company is doing, and with the understanding that the contract should be so modified as to embody this proposition, the meeting voted unanimously to endorse the action of the Common Council in granting a franchise and awarding the street lighting contract to the Citizens' Electric Light Company.

FISH FOR LOCAL WATERS.

Brown Trout Fry and Brown Trout Yearlings to be Sent to Applicants in and Near This City.

John Wilkin has been notified by Superintendent of Fish Hatcheries James Annin, Jr., that brown yearling trout will be sent as follows: A. T. Berthoff, 100; Charles Bennett, 100; Thomas Perry, 50; A. E. Nickerson, 100.

Brown trout fry will be sent as follows: J. Frank Tuttle, H. C. Benson, Major E. L. Sproat, Jacob Gunther, Herman Otto, John Wilkin, each 5,000.

The yearlings will come from the Cold Spring hatchery, date not announced, while the fry will reach here, Tuesday morning, from Caledonia, on Erie No. 12.

The pike and bass grants will be made later. All of the Erie's applications for trout fry have been granted.

HOME FROM VIRGINIA.

Mr. and Mrs. Belding Return to This City—The Season Well Advanced at Claremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Belding and Mrs. Belding's mother, Mrs. Starke, returned, last evening, from their winter home in Claremont, Va. They report an exceedingly pleasant winter in that locality; very even temperature and but little rain and only two light snow storms, just enough to whiten the ground, and not a freezing night since March 1st. They left the apple and cherry trees in bloom; early truck peas, sown in February, were some ten inches high and fall seed cabbage plants were beginning to head with leaves the size of your two hands.

A BOY'S ESCAPE.

Overdrove and Almost Killed a Horse Left in His Charge.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt, pastor of the Montgomery Methodist Church, when he went to Conference, Monday, left his horse in charge of a young colored boy named Dan McBride. Wednesday, McBride hitched up the horse, and with a companion, drove to Walden, where he arrived with the horse in such condition that he was arrested. The lad explained that he worked for Mr. Hoyt and was finally allowed to go and he drove back to Montgomery at such a gait that when he reached there the horse was almost dead.

THE EXCISE FUND BILL.

Only a Few Citizens Present at the Hearing. Thursday Night—The Bill Concluded in.

Only three or four spectators were present at the hearing on the Excise Fund bill given by the Common Council, Thursday night, and these did not express themselves. The bill was then concurred in and will be signed by the Mayor and President of the Common Council.

Alderman Allen was made chairman in the absence of President Tierney.

The Shohola Glen Lease.

Shohola Glen has not yet been leased although many applications for the property have been received by S. Walter Sammis, who controls the property. George Proctor, who has managed the Glen successfully for several years, does not wish to renew his lease.

A Newburgh Clerk's Suicide.

Thomas Wallace, a clerk, thirty-two years old, who resided with his parents at 134 Washington street, Newburgh, committed suicide early this morning by shooting himself in the head. He died soon afterward.

Meeting of St. Elizabeth's Society.

A special meeting of the Society of St. Elizabeth will be held in their rooms, this evening, at 7:30, to take action on the death of Sarah Nolan.

It By Order of the President.

Palm Sunday at St. Joseph's.

Next Sunday being Palm Sunday, the blessing and distribution of the palms will occur at the last mass at St. Joseph's Church.

Trees, plants, and all nursery stock dug fresh from the ground is very apt to live and start growing at once. Most anyone reading this paper can send in their order, have it filled and receive the stock the same day. Prices are low, stock first class. Special discounts for early orders. Catalogues mailed free. Address T. J. Boyer & Son, box 4, Orange Co. Nursery, Corwatt, N. Y.

THE LATE LEWIS CORNELIUS.

A Milford Man Who Weighed About Seven Hundred Pounds.

The heavy weight Frenchman who came to this country several days ago, for exhibition purposes (he weighs 600 pounds), has revived talk of Lewis Cornelius, of Milford, Pa., who was probably the heaviest man who ever lived in this country. He died in about 1840, after an illness of two weeks. After his death he was weighed, and the scales recorded 645½ pounds. It is safe to assume that his weight when in health was at least 700 pounds.

He was extremely sensitive on the subject of his flesh and would never allow himself to be weighed. Once, while on a visit to Philadelphia, he was driven on scales without his knowledge and there weighed. The result of this device is not known by the present writer.

The late Samuel Dimmick, of Milford, on behalf of P. T. Barnum, the famous showman, once offered Mr. Cornelius \$1,000 a month for three months for exhibition purposes, which offer he, Cornelius, rejected with scorn.

He kept out of sight as much as possible and in summer months lived most of the time in the cellar.

The Sawkill House which he owned and managed was built with doors of extra width for his own accommodation. After his death some of the casings had to be taken out to permit the body to be removed from the house.

AT THE ARMORY RANGES.

Five Members of the Second Platoon Qualified as Sharpshooters.

Fifteen members of the second platoon occupied the armory ranges, last night, and five qualified as sharpshooters as follows:

	500 yds	600 yds
Rose	25	23
R. Terhune	21	22
J. Gray	21	22
Gould	25	21
Harris	22	23

A Good Minstrel Performance.

Guy Brothers' Minstrels were entitled to a much larger house than they had at the Casino, Thursday night. They gave one of the best minstrel performances seen here in a long time. The comedy bar team, Morris and Leroy, and Flood Brothers, acrobats, were the best ever seen in this city. Arthur Guy, Billy Crawford and G. R. Guy were the favorites.

Plaintiff in a Damage Suit Examined by Physicians.

George S. Pennie, of Montgomery, who is suing the Newburgh-Walden Electric Railroad Company for injuries received by falling through a trestle at Walden, has been examined by physicians representing the railroad company and also by physicians of his own selection, that they might be prepared to rebut or refute the testimony of the railroad's doctors.

Buried in the Cash Cemetery.

The remains of Samuel Vail, who died at Montour Falls, N. Y., were brought to this city, Thursday night, and taken to Cash Cemetery, near Stewarttown, by Undertaker Rockafellow, this morning. A party of relatives accompanied the remains here.

Copies of the Maine Inquiry Report.

Congressman Odell has sent copies of the report of the Court of Inquiry in the Maine matter, including the drawings made by Ensign Powelson, to some of his Republican friends in this city. His mail was flooded with applications for the book, to-day.

Birthday Social at First Baptist Church.

The birthday social at the First Baptist Church lecture room, Thursday night, was a financial success. Each one paid as many cents as he was years old in securing admission. A vocal and instrumental programme was rendered.

Last Night of Early Closing.

To-night is the last night of the early closing of the stores of this city. Longer hours than ever before are likely in the dry goods trade, one prominent merchant having announced his intention to keep open until 9:30.

Obituary Notes.

—The remains of Thomas Raven, aged 60, who died in this city, Thursday, were taken to Spring Valley for burial, to-day.

Lease of Midway Park.

Jacob Gunther's lease of Midway Park will continue in force. The lease given J. C. Hinchcliffe seems to have been irregular.

Mymenal Notes.

—Clarence Munson and Miss Beesie Joline, daughter of A. W. Joline, will be united in marriage at 3:30, Tuesday, by Rector D. J. Evans.

—Relatives and friends in this city have received invitations to the marriage, April 14th, of Annie Castle Pulver and Herbert William Spencer, D. D. S., which will take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pulver, 60 Morton street, New York. Miss Pulver is well known in this city, having been a frequent visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Henry A. Castle.

The evidence in the case proves Hood's Sarsaparilla cures scrofula, salt rheum, boils, humors and all eruptions.

Ten thousand demons gnawing away at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching skin. Yet there's cure. Doan's Ointment cures it.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Christopher Dobois.

Mrs. Christopher Dobois died of old age at her home in Pine Bush, Thursday night. She is survived by her husband and several children.

John M. Wilson.

John M. Wilson, Supervisor for the First Ward of Newburgh City, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning, after a long illness of cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Sarah J. Pauley.

Mrs. Sarah J. Pauley, widow of Thomas Pauley, died at Ridgebury Thursday, aged sixty-nine years, after six weeks' illness of inflammation of the bowels.

A more extended obituary will appear later.

Miss Sarah Nolan.

Miss Sarah Nolan died at her home, 17 West Main street, this morning, of consumption, after being confined to her bed for nine weeks.

Miss Nolan was born near Searsville, Sept. 5, 1866, the daughter of Patrick and Sarah C. (Fay) Nolan. She came to Middletown ten years ago, where she has since resided, conducting the dress-making business at 17 West Main street for the past three years.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church and the St. Elizabeth Society, and had many friends. She is survived by her father and three sisters as follows: Julia, wife of John Kelly, and Josie, wife of Amos Galloway, of Searsville; Jennie, wife of Timothy Lunney, of Bullville. Her mother died twenty-six years ago.

The remains will be taken to Searsville, this afternoon, and the funeral and interment will take place at Montgomery on Monday.

FELL IN THE STREET.

Dennis O'Neal's Leg Broken by a Fall on James street.

Dennis O'Neal, a one-eyed soldier, of Scotchtown, fell on James street, near the side entrance of Alex. Merritt's house, this morning, and when Mr. Merritt, who was near, picked him up, it was found that his right knee cap was broken. He seemed dazed, as if an attack of epilepsy had caused the accident. His face and no e were cut. He was carried into Knapp & Merritt's office and Dr. Mills was summoned. He caused Mr. O'Neal's removal to Thrall Hospital.

Basket Ball Players Go to Monticello.

The 24th basket ball team will play in Monticello, to-night, and will be made up as follows: Wengenroth, centre; Lawrence and Gould forwards; Gausman and Thompson guards, and Dickinson substitute.

A number of rooters will accompany them.

The "New Idea" Millinery Opening.

M. Kitzinger, the milliner, whose popular “New Idea” store is at North and West Main streets, has eclipsed all of his previous efforts in window decoration in this spring's opening. He shows a beautiful bust in a bower, while suspended about are the very latest and most attractive styles of spring millinery.

Baggage Men Will Not Renew Their Licenses.

The city licenses for baggage men expired, Thursday night, but none of the baggage men appeared before the Mayor, to-day, to renew them. It is understood that they intend to test the legality of the ordinance if any arrests are made.

Police Court.

Job Wood, who was picked up on Cottage street, Thursday, by the patrol wagon, was sent to Goshen, to-day, for thirty days.

An Interesting and Entertaining Address.

From the Ellenville Journal.

Rector Evans, of Middletown, gave a very interesting and edifying address to the members of St. John's, last Thursday evening.

The War with Spain.

It will never come, but the famous Blue B. Remedies of the Jee Hlung Yook Series will revolutionize medical science. No. 1 cures Rheumatism; No. 2 cures La Grippe; No. 3 cures a Cough or Cold; No. 4 cures Catarrh; No. 5 is a perfect appetizing Tonic; No. 6 cures Impotence; No. 7 is the Children's Relief Soothing Syrup. Call for sample free. 1,000 references.

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Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

	Yesterday	Today
Sugar	119	114½
Coffee	96½	96½
Chicago Gas	83½	80½
Nat. Lead	83	28½
General Electric	20½	22
U. S. L., pref.	67½	66½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	20½	19½
A. T. & S. F.	11½	11½
J. B. & Q.	93½	90½
C. M. & S. P.	90½	86½
B. L.	80½	84
D. L. & W.	83	91½
C. of N. J.	127½	124
Erie	—	106½
D. and H.	—	14½
O. & W.	—	14½
Quebecana & Western	—	—
Quebecana & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	—	16½
N. Y. C.	—	117
L. S.	111½	104½
N. Y. C. G.	20½	25
M. P.	101½	19
Texas	20½	19½
G. F.	—	84
L. & N.	80½	49½
Van Buren	86½	83½
P. M.	26½	25½
W. H. & P.	10½	1½
N. Pacific, pref.	62½	60½
M. P. & T.	120½	126½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88	87½
Southern, pref.	103½	102½
May Wheat	29	29
May Corn	25	25
May Pork	29 00	28 12
May Lard	11 10	10 07

DIED.

PAULEY—At Ridgebury, March 31, '98, Sarah J. widow of Thomas Pauley, aged sixty-nine years.

Funeral services will be held, Sunday afternoon, at two (2) o'clock, at Ridgebury Methodist Church. Relatives will meet at her late residence at 1:30 o'clock. Interment in family plot in Ridgebury Cemetery.

NOLAN—In this city, April 1st, '98, Miss Sarah J. Nolan, aged thirty-two years.

The remains will be taken from her late residence, 17 West Main street, to the home of her father, at Searsville, where the funeral will be held Monday, at ten o'clock, from the house, and eleven-thirty at Montgomery Catholic Church, with requiem high mass. Interment in Mont. gomy Cemetery.

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THE USE OF SALT.

It is Said That Vegetable Condiments Might Well Be Substituted for It.

Contrary to the general belief that salt is an essential part of our daily diet, Capt. Pondexter, assistant surgeon in the United States army, maintains that it would be better to substitute for its use certain vegetable condiments, such as sugar, pepper, horseradish, spices, cranberry sauce, pickles, vinegar, olive oil, etc. He says that personally he has not been so situated that he could drop the use of salt absolutely, but he has reduced it to a minimum, and finds himself generally better physically and mentally, says the Atlanta Constitution. He finds in his own case that the senses of taste and hearing are apparently more active than when he used salt more freely. His hair, which had begun to fall off, has ceased doing so. His skin seems softer and clearer than before, and there are many other favorable changes. The broad hypothesis he adopts is that mineral matter as derived directly from the earth is, if not poisonous, unassimilable and unnecessary for our bodies. He holds, however, that salt is an irritant poison, causing an irritation or sensitiveness of the tissues, as it circulates through the body and consequently induces tendency to disease. In the laboratory it is found that salt has no germ-killing properties, but when placed in bouillon for the cultivation of germs the latter thrive in the mixture. He makes no allusion to the belief entertained as to the virtues of salt as a solvent when taken into the system.

A MODEST MAN.

Who Many Years Ago Received a Famous Letter from Abraham Lincoln.

There passed away in Massachusetts one day recently a man who was at one time the firm friend of such men as Webster, Douglas, Lincoln, who presided at the famous convention of 1860 which nominated the martyred president; who was called to Washington in the time of the country's greatest need; whose opinions were sought by men of influence in whatever crisis faced them, says the Philadelphia Press.

George Ashmun was one of the most modest of men. When he was chosen to preside over the convention of 1860 he consented only on condition that Gov. Trask would accompany him. He and Mr. Trask both went to Springfield with the committee to notify Mr. Lincoln and it was shortly after that that he received from the president a letter that became famous and which said: "It seems as if the question whether my first name is Abraham or Abram will never be settled; it is Abraham, and if the letter of acceptance is not yet in print, if you think fit, have my signature thereto printed 'Abraham Lincoln.'" Daniel Webster once wrote to him: "Whenever anything good comes into this house we always think of Mr. Ashmun. A fish came up the Potomac last evening higher than is usual for his species to venture. Will you be so kind as to join Mr. — and myself at five o'clock to-day to taste him?"

ONE OF THE KAISER'S JOKES.

The German Emperor Once Made a Humorous Remark to a Toast by Telegraph.

There are many good anecdotes about the German emperor, and it must be owned that they all prove the kaiser to have no small amount of humor, says the Toronto Chronicle. The following, which comes from Mr. Ehlers, the traveler, is smarter than most. The emperor and Ehlers were college chums from Bonn, and the emperor never forgot his old college student. At Bonn on special occasions the different corps used to drink to one another, and the following set form was always used: The president of the Palatio corps raises his glass, saying: "I have the great honor and pleasure to empty my glass in drinking to the corps of Borussia." The president of the latter corps replies: "The corps thanks and drinks." On the birth of one of the sons of the emperor Ehlers telegraphed him: "I have the great honor and pleasure to empty my glass in drinking to the youngest Hohenzollern." The emperor promptly wired back: "The youngest Hohenzollern thanks and drinks."

Out of Left-Handed Caps.
A man gave a dinner recently at a fashionable restaurant. A man from Minnesota was one of the guests. When the coffee was brought on the Minnesota man engaged the attention of the waiter. "I beg your pardon," said he, politely, "but I am left-handed. Won't you kindly bring me a cup with the handle on the left side?" "Certainly, sir," replied the waiter, and withdrew. A few minutes later he was seen to re-enter the dining-room and whisper to the head waiter. The head waiter immediately bustled out. Presently he returned. He was visibly distressed as he made his way to the Minnesota man. "I'm very sorry, sir," he said, apologetically, "but we haven't any cups in the house with the handles on the left side. You see, with a brave attempt to preserve the reputation of the house, 'you see, sir, we have so little call for them we don't keep them.'"

British Soldiers as Linguists.
British officers serving in Indian regiments are now required to learn the dialect of their men in addition to Hindustani. Pushtee, Punjabi, Hindi, Khaskura, Tamil and Marhatti are among the languages they must acquire.

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THE SHIP IN PROCESSIONS.

It is an Old Custom and Still Popular, Dating Back a Century or More.

A pretty feature in Washington processions, says the Star, political and national, for many years, has been the "ship of state," or "constitution," as a float, often complete in its appointments, armed with miniature cannon, and manned by sailors. Sometimes the intervals between the appearance of such floats have been of such length that the ship is hailed as an entirely new figure. Under the name of "Constitution" or "Union," however, the ship float has been a feature in political demonstrations in the United States for over a century. As far as known the first exhibition of the kind (at least in this part of the country) was in Baltimore in 1788, and the credit of its introduction belongs to Commodore Joshua Barney, who, though a mere boy, was a valiant officer in the revolution, and distinguished himself in the war of 1812 with his flotilla. In that year the ratification of the constitution was the great question before the people, and there was a division of sentiment on it, those in favor of its ratification as framed forming the federalist party. In Baltimore a great federalist demonstration was projected—a procession from the eastern part of the city around what is now the harbor to the hill south of the basin, and a mass meeting. Commodore Barney took a prominent part in this affair, had his ship in line under the name of the "Federalist," and the name of Federal Hill naturally attached to the vicinity to which the "ship" led the line and where the meeting was held.

NO MAP OF UNITED STATES.

A Possible Explanation of a Bermuda Boy's Ignorance of American History.

"The school children of the Bermudas know nothing of American history," says a New York woman who has just returned from Hamilton, according to the Sun. "One day I stopped and talked with a bright little colored boy on the street. The Bermuda negro, you know, is superior in intelligence to the southern negro of this country. He has neither the thick lips nor the flat nose of our American negro. His superiority is accounted for by the fact that he has in his veins the blood of the Indians captured in King Philip's war and taken as slaves to the Bermudas."

"Do you go to school?" I asked the boy.
"Yes, em."
"Who owns these islands?"
"England."
"Who rules England?"
"Queen Victoria."
"Where are the United States?"
"South of Canada."
"And do you know who is president of the United States?"
"Yes, em; George Washington."
"When I had visited one of the little schools at Hamilton I did not wonder that Washington was the only American president the boy had heard of. On the walls were maps of every important country in the world but our own, and I found that the teachers said as little of the United States as they could."

DOCTOR AND A MAN.

The Aged Discoverer of Collodion Recently Passed Away in Massachusetts.

The discoverer of collodion died in Dedham lately, notes the Boston Herald. He was Dr. John Parker Maynard, who had been the leading physician there for many years. This discovery was made while Dr. Maynard was still a medical student. He had the conception in his mind at that time, and engaged in a series of experiments in a little building which he erected outside Dedham village, and finally brought them to a success. His object was the application of collodion to operations in surgery, and he demonstrated his usefulness here by applying it in 1847. He had sought to aid surgery in this way rather than to achieve pecuniary advantage, and hence gave collodion without price to the medical profession.

Dr. Maynard was a modest man and never asked credit for himself for what he had done. He thought that any advantages that came from it should be the property of his profession in the interests of human suffering. Collodion has grown into a much wider use since that time, but it is probable that there is less general knowledge of the man to whom the world owes its introduction. Dr. Maynard was never forward in enlightening them as to the facts of its origination. He died at the age of 81, after a long and useful and most honorable career in surgical and medical practice.

Civilization and Nature.
Civilization is transforming nature in surprising ways, says an exchange. The deborning of cattle is an example, as this practice is gaining favor so rapidly that hornless cattle may be expected soon to become the rule rather than the exception. The first objections were that it is cruel and unnatural. The early method of deborning with a saw was undoubtedly slow and painful, but specially constructed clippers are now used that often remove a horn in a single second, and with so little suffering that feeding is continued as usual and the operation is really humane, the frequent injuries in herds from goring being prevented.

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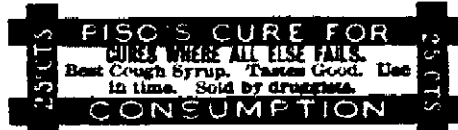
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STEELE'S TROUBLES.

Witness Says Accused Cashier Made False Reports.

CONCERNING LOANS TO 'SINCERLY.'

The Directors of Defunct Chestnut Street Bank Appear in Court to Give Evidence at the Hearing—Steele Now Out on Bail.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—William Steele, formerly cashier of the collapsed Chestnut Street National bank, charged by Bank Examiner Hardt with making false reports of the bank's condition to the controller of the currency, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Edmunds. George M. Coffin, deputy comptroller of the currency; Bank Examiner Hardt, George H. Earle, receiver of the bank, and all of the directors of the institution gave testimony.

According to the evidence, the late William M. Singler, president of the bank, received large loans from the bank. The comptroller admonished him to cease borrowing. At that time he owed \$579,000, and when the bank failed his indebtedness was \$800,000, while the collateral security was estimated at \$75,000. Bank Examiner Hardt said eight reports made by Cashier Steele during 1896 and 1897 to the comptroller were all false with respect to the loans, and in some there was a suppression of facts regarding overdrafts.

He testified to each in detail. Receiver Earle told of a conversation he had with Mr. Steele, in which the cashier said Mr. Singler would come to the bank and get the money from the cash drawer without the knowledge of any of the directors and would place collateral in a private drawer. This latter was placed in the books as cash items. Steele told the receiver that in doing this he was merely obeying orders.

The directors' testimony showed they did not know the extent of Mr. Singler's indebtedness. In October, 1896, the comptroller notified them he owed \$578,900. A meeting was held and Mr. Singler promised to reduce the amount. Instead it was increased.

The hearing was then continued until next Wednesday. Mr. Steele renewing his bail bond of \$10,000.

Old Murder Mystery Revived.

SANBORNVILLE, N. H., April 1.—William F. Nason, alias Peter Sharkey, of this town, arrested recently on the charge of larceny, now stands charged with murder. His accuser is Frank Sherburne, who alleges that Nason killed a stranger, dismembered the body and sunk the remains in a box in Lovell's pond at Ossipee, nearly seven years ago. When the box was found, the human bones were for a time believed to be those of Hiram Sawtelle, who was murdered by his brother Isaac, but the stranger's identity was never learned. The murder was one of New Hampshire's greatest mysteries. Sherburne claims he witnessed the affair.

Schooner Wrecked: One Life Lost.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., April 1.—The three masted schooner Willie H. Higgins, Captain Freeman, went ashore on Peaked Hill bar and is a total loss. Seven of her crew of eight men and the wife of the steward were taken off and the Peaked Hill life saving crew, but Gilbert Gibbs, 51 years old, of Providence was washed overboard and lost just after the schooner struck the bar. The Higgins was owned in Wellfleet, Mass., and was bound from Booth Bay for New York with a cargo of ice.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New Jersey—Wood Glen, George C. Appar; Yardville, William H. Mount. New York—Crown Point Center, Sidney D. Swinton; Madrid Springs, C. A. Chandler; Norfolk, Carroll A. King; North Barton, George Crisfield. Pennsylvania—Benton, Samuel S. Harvey; Thompsonville, George J. Kennedy.

Priest's Life Threatened.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 1.—The Rev. Father John Pribyl of St. John's Roman Catholic church has received a warning letter from malcontents in the church saying that unless he vacates the parish house before Good Friday he will be "blown either to heaven or hell, for they are determined to rid themselves of his presence."

Acetylene Company Fails.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—A receiver has been appointed for the Acetylene Light, Heat and Power company. The secretary of the company stated that the company was insolvent and that an attachment for \$15,461 had been issued against the factory at Niagara Falls by the Niagara Falls Power company and the works seized.

Earthquakes in Quebec.

MONTREAL, April 1.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt at several points in the Ottawa valley yesterday afternoon. At Comto the shock was reported as quite violent and at Hudson it is said there were two shocks, one following the other closely. No damage is reported.

White and Dixon Draw.

SYRACUSE, April 1.—Tommy White of Chicago and George Dixon of Boston, the ex-champion featherweight of the world, fought a 20 round draw before the Empire Athletic club of this city last night. Two thousand people saw the bout, which was a thoroughly scientific one.

Police Inspector Rehnack Ill.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Inspector of Police Michael J. Schaack, who gained a worldwide reputation through his work in the Haymarket anarchist case, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. Inspector Schaack has been connected with the Chicago police force for 28 years.

Christmas Tragedy Recalled.

BOSTON, April 1.—In the superior criminal court yesterday afternoon Bruno Capocini was put on trial on a charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Giuseppe Valatara on Christmas night in the north end.

Elmer For Mayor of Newark, N. J.

NEW YORK, April 1.—At the Republican city convention held at Newark, N. J., last night John C. Elmer was nominated for mayor.

WORKING ROAD TAXES.

An Iowa Farmer Calls the System Now in General Vogue a Un-gentle Cancer.

At the Farmers' Institute which recently met in Marshalltown, Ia., a paper was read by J. H. Jayne, on "Good Roads." Touching on the results of working out road taxes, he said:

"I believe the most important funds in the country are the school and road funds, because the schools and roads are the most extensive and cost the most money. But what a vast difference in the management of these two affairs.

"Your schools are second to none in the country, while your roads are below the average. Suppose you levied a three-mill school fund in every township, one mill to be paid in cash and two mills to be worked out, and you compelled every taxpayer in the district to teach the school in his turn until his school tax was worked out, and supply no other teachers. After a lapse of 15 years you would find your schoolhouses dilapidated, plastering off, stoves down, seats and windows broken, etc. Do you think your schools would be up to the standard and your children properly educated? Your roads are in a like condition to-day, being worked by men who do not follow it as a business, and furthermore have no time outside of other duties to attend to it.

"Now, the principal point I wish to bring before you is money for road purposes. I do not mean by this that we need more money, that the county should be bonded, or a heavy county road-fund levy made, but that the money now raised every year for road purposes should be raised and handled differently. The bulk of that money can be derived from that mirror, as it were—that shadow which skips here and there over the county roads every summer and cuts off the grass and makes the roads look level and smooth (in places)—the district road supervisor and his grader.

"Now, do you think it pays for John Smith to be a road supervisor this year and grade up the road—fill up the hollows and round them up nicely in the center—and next year put in William Jones, and allow him to plow the roads clear across for miles and harrow them down flat, and the next year put in another man who will round them up again: one undoing the other's work year after year?

"Do you think it pays for the road supervisor in No. 1 to go over in No. 4 and spend a day dragging a grader over to his district? Do you think it pays to have him put on John Smith's team today, Bill Brown's team to-morrow, Tom Clark's team the next day, and have them go galloping here and there, and make your road look like a worm fence when finished? Who is to blame? The horses? No; they were never on a grader before, and are not accustomed to climbing up banks and going down into ditches. The drivers to blame? No; they did the best they could with a green horse. The supervisor to blame? No; he held the blade where the machine was driven. Where, then, is the blame? It is in your system.

"Do you think it pays to compel the poor road supervisor to try to fill up a hole, or round up a road, or cut down a hill with a slip scraper when he could carry it almost in a dishpan? Do you think it pays him to work without tools? Does it pay him to buy six or eight pieces of tile, and pay four prices for them, when Marshall county could buy a carload at the lowest rates and give him the benefit? Does it pay for him to buy lumber for culverts under the same circumstances? Who is to blame? The road supervisor? No; it is your system. I regard this road system as a huge cancer, continually eating, and the money you have applied, as prescribed by some physicians, and according to directions, has apparently been of very little benefit to the patient."

System in Road Maintenance.

No one has ever supposed that railroad corporations spend money for the mere sake of spending it, or adopt expensive methods when cheaper ones are better. It must be, then, that there is some pretty substantial reason for dividing their roadbeds into sections, and keeping men constantly employed on each, in caring for them. Precisely the same principle applies to ordinary highways; the only way that they can be efficiently maintained is by establishing a similar system, and the more expensive they are to construct the greater the saving that will thereby be made, and increased efficiency secured.

Wide Tires Improve Roads.

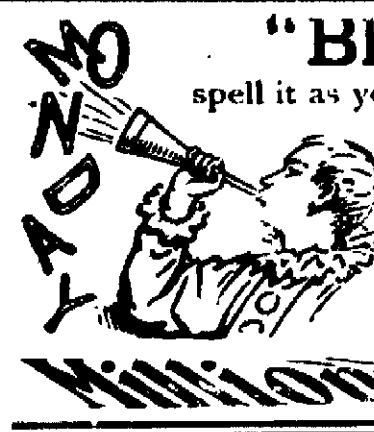
The extent to which the value of wide tires has come to be recognized is shown by the fact that during the last 12 months the legislature of nearly every state has been asked to pass a bill providing for their compulsory adoption. The state of New Jersey has already adopted a law of this kind, and it is reaping the benefit in the country. With wide tires in use even the present country roads will improve; for such tires serve as rollers to make the roadbed compact, instead of cutting deep ruts, as do heavily loaded wagons on narrow tires.—Rural World.

Good Roads Develop Towns.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

Jacob Gunther has received some fine mallard ducks from his millionaire hunting comrade, Adrian Jackson, of New York city. Mr. Jackson, who has a number of acquaintances in this city, has been hunting with success on Long Island, and he sent a few ducks here for the pictures.

The leasing of "The Palm" to a New York party after May 1st, probably means the dissolution of the firm of Strait & Hoey, the presentlessers. They have made money during their short term, but will not again start in that line here. Mr. Strait contemplates going into the live stock business and Mr. Hoey has already been notified by his former employer, Sweeney, of Park Row, New York, that he would be pleased to have him resume his situation in Sweeney's hotel.

Capt. McIntyre has received several letters from ex-members of the 24th Company, who do not reside in this vicinity, expressing their desire to re-enlist if war is declared.

District Attorney Powelson spent several hours with Chief Engineer Howell, of the Maine, at Goheen, Thursday night. He talked freely of the incident and expressed to Mr. Powelson the respect and confidence reposed in his son, Ensign Powelson, by his superiors. He predicted a splendid future for Middletown's representative in the navy.

There was one boy in the Casino, Thursday night, who didn't see the minstrels at all. He had made efforts, however, which deserved a seat in the manager's box.

He and two comrades entered the left cloak room during the early afternoon, and prepared to take in the performance from the window which opens into the main floor. Two were discovered and expelled, but the third one managed to hide in the peculiarly constructed room, where he afterward found he was locked in. His efforts to get out disclosed his presence and his discoverer turned the key, pinned a paper over the window and left him in there until the show was over. He was a badly frightened boy at that hour.

REFUSES TO PAY TAXES.

A Montgomery Man Assessed Twice for Personal Estate Refuses to Pay Either Tax.

Charles Coe, of near Sloat's Corners in the town of Montgomery, was assessed for \$3,000 personal property by Assessor Eager, and by a mistake in copying the assessment his name appears on the collector's book as "Charles Coen." The assessors from the other end of the town also took a shy at Mr. Coe, and they estimated his possessions at \$2,000 and put him on the roll for that amount.

Mr. Coe has been advised by his attorneys, Brown & Cassidy, to pay taxes on neither of these assessments, and Collector Frank Smith has levied on a hay press owned by Mr. Coe and has advertised it for sale.

If the sale is made litigation will, of course, ensue.

Death as a Result of Turning a Hand Spring.

A young man named Edwards, living near Claraville, Sullivan county, turned a hand spring, Thursday, in front of his home. The exertion caused a sharp pain in the left side of the abdomen, and finally he had to take to his bed, and after suffering intensely he died Monday. The physicians in attendance say that in turning the hand spring an intestine became knotted or ruptured.

Kellar, the Magician, and His Wonderful Illusions.

Kellar, the magician, has spent many years among the fakirs of India, and has embodied many of their illusions with his own to entertain the public. He is assisted by Mrs. Kellar, whose feat of mind reading is considered wonderful. Manager Corey has succeeded in securing Mr. and Mrs. Kellar for next Tuesday evening.

A Summer Home, Projected on Point Peter.

It is reported in Port Jervis that a company is being formed to build a fine appointed hotel on Point Peter. The project is also said to include the building of a spur from the electric road to the top of the mountain.

The Fire Police—William Pohlman's Designation.

The fire police met in regular session, Thursday night, and accepted the resignation of William Pohlman, of Ontario Hose Company. They then adjourned until the last Thursday of April.

A Call Accepted.

R. v. Thomas D. Elder, of New Hamburg, N. Y., who has been called to the pastorate of the Montgomery Presbyterian Church, has accepted the call and will begin his pastoral duties May 1st.

A Few Pointers.

The recent statistics of the number of deaths show that the large majority die with consumption. The disease may commence with an apparently harmless cough which can be cured instantly by Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and relieve all cases. Price 25 and 50c. Sold by all druggists; ask for a free sample to try.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

SHOP FOR RENT—Suitable for blacksmith, carpenter or paint shop, on East Main St. Enquire Mrs. M. TYNAN, 1 Orchard St. dtf

YOUNG MAN Wants steady work. Good hand with horses. Good references. 10 RAILROAD AVE. dtf

BEN HUR Bicycle, good running order, pneumatic tires, will be sold cheap; fine black marbled eight day clock, strikes hours and half hours. Price only \$4. EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

HORSE HAY and Cattle Hay for sale at the farm on the Finchville road, near Ketcham's mill, Mount Hope, N. Y. Enquire of CHAS. SHAW, at the farm, or at the Argus office, Middletown. 97c. delivered April 1st

TO ALL who need a superior article of sharp sand for any purpose, including all kinds of cement work, track sand, foundry cones Address EUREKA SAND BANK, Oliveville, N. Y. dWet SatimApr30

FOR SALE—My brick store property, and also a fine lot of stuffed specimens of birds and animals for sale cheap, as I am closing out my business on account of poor health. BENJ. BACHELLER, New Hampton, Orange county, N. Y. 10 State St. dtf

Plat 5 cents. Beef Steak heavy steer, only 10 cents. GREENING'S. 705t

WHEN Looking after a summer stove, enquire in the merits of the Insurance Gasolene Stove, with the Campbell automatic shut off and extra burner. d3to30&6013 JAMES URAL, Telephone 111.

TO LET—Five rooms on Cottage street opposite St. Joseph's rectory. Enquire on premises or JAMES GAVIN. dtf

PORK only 8 cents, Chops 9 cents or three pounds 25 cents. GREENING'S. 8d5t

FOR Rent from April 1st—The store, No. 44 James street, Insman Building; also the flat directly over the store, consisting of six rooms, bath and closets. J. E. ISKMAN. 98d4t

SHAD—SHAD—15 CENTS EACH AND UP AT GREENING'S MARKET. 4d14t

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, 39 W. Main street.

FOR RENT—The two front offices and one in the rear of them, on the second floor in the Wilcox Bldg., adjoining the post office. It is seldom you can get as central, well lighted and arranged offices as these. H. R. WILCOX. 9d4t

TWO Houses and a store for rent. Enquire of HOUSTON BROS. 4ctf

THE Klondike isn't it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monahan avenue. 78d1y0-23.88

FOR SALE—Two fine blooded colts, three and four years old, broke to harness, sound and kind. Call on or address 98d1mApr3 J. B. HALSEY, Westtown, N. Y.

MILINERY OPENING—Our Easter exhibit of Millinery Goods is now open and continues until Easter. Our trimmed hats embody the latest ideas of French and American artists, with some very attractive designs from our own milliners. All very low prices. Every style and shape in chip, mill and fancy straw, braid, spangled crowns, quills, wings and fancy ornaments. French flowers, ribbons, chiffons and ribbons of all kinds in plain and fancy effects. An inspection is sure to prove interesting and is earnestly solicited. MRS. BUSB, 144 North street.

S. M. BOYD, ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC, 16 EAST MAIN STREET. ATTENDS TO ALL KINDS OF LAW BUSINESS, INCLUDING FIRE INSURANCE.

WANTED By Old Established House—High Church standing, to act as Manager here and do office work and correspondence at their home. Business already built up and established here. Salary \$250. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for our terms to A. P. T. Elder, General Manager, 189 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. First Floor d2wApr3w1mApr2w

FOR SALE OR RENT. Combined store and dwelling, central, corner location, opposite the oldest house, lately occupied by post office; also, if desired, 12 acres farm land adjoining. For particulars address P. O. BOX 48, WUTTSBORO, N. Y.

WM. VANSCHAICK, AUCTIONEER.

NO. 16 BROAD ST., 1 p. m. Sharp.

Household furniture of all descriptions, including bedroom suit, couch, piano, chairs, carpets, tables, crockery, glassware, etc. FRANK CRAWFORD 9d3t

MAPES BROS', Grocers.

A fine line of Teas and Coffees of excellent qualities at low prices.

West Main Street, Corner Mill Street. Telephone 135.

5 Cts. a Pound BEST American Granulated SUGAR! Sale limited to 200 pounds. Only at SLOAT'S CASH STORE.

The To-days That Outshine the Yesterdays.

It was Emerson who said: "Every ultimate fact is only the first of a new series. Every several result is threatened and judged by that which follows. Every one seems to be contradicted by the new; it is only limited by the new." It is with great enterprises as with men, they cease to interest us when we find their limitations. This store's newness of yesterday is threatened and judged by its increased newness of to-day. There are no limitations here, there is always progress. The old ways and methods of doing business have been left behind in the onward march of conducting affairs. The candle, the lamp, the gas of yesterday cast shadows in the path of the electric light of to day, and so does the character of this store in its many interests and benefits for you outshine its yesterday.

EVERYTHING NEW AND SEASONABLE IS TO BE FOUND AT OUR STORE.

To our friends who have been our steady patrons we extend a cordial invitation to call. You will find we have made our goods more interesting than ever. To those who have never been in the habit of dealing with us, we also extend a friendly invitation to call on us and see if their interests are not better taken care of by us than they have been by others.

Old Friendships We are Pleased to Renew.

New Friendships We are Glad to Form.

Greater Expectations Than You Can Realize!

We have for this season's demand an assortment of goods such as has never been presented before.

Our Ready-Made Clothing!

is what the time demands.

New, Stylish and Reasonable in Prices! We Make All the Ready-made Clothing We Sell, and Being the Only Clothiers in This City Making All the Clothing We Offer for Sale, we are enabled to save the people the middleman's profit, which every other dealer must pay to those who make the clothing for them.

MEN'S SUITS FROM \$3 UP.

Men's Strictly All Wool Suits, black, blue and mixtures, all bearing our guarantee label, sizes 34 to 46, \$4.95. Men's Suits, finely tailored, at \$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$10, \$12 and \$14.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING!

in Vestees and Double Breasted Jackets, extra pants to match suits if so desired. Children's Suits from 79c Up. Knee Pants at 25c. Buy none other than "BUDWIG'S OWN!" which means double seat and double knees, patent waist band and warranted not to rip. Better goods at all prices. We Start at 18c for Good, Serviceable Knee Pants.

Hats, Caps and Furnishings!

All the newest things at less money than any other store charges for same quality. WE BUY AT A SMALL PROFIT AND SELL AT A SMALL PROFIT.

CUSTOM SUITS AND TROUSERS at Lowest Prices.

All the Custom Clothing we turn out is from \$6 to \$8 less per suit than any other merchant tailor offers. The reason: "We buy our cloths and trimmings direct from the mill. We do all our own cutting and have no additional expense to carry on this branch of our business."

Every Garment is Cut on Our Premises. Every Garment is Tried on While in Process of Making. Every Garment is Made by Tailors Living in This City. Every Garment is Warranted to Please.

Custom Suits from \$16.00 Up! Custom Pants from \$4.00 Up!

This is our Trade Mark.



Look for it when you buy clothing.